

AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows, wherein strikethrough or brackets indicates a deletion and underline indicates an addition. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim Listing:

1-25. (Cancelled).

26. (Currently Amended): A system, comprising:

one or more client devices operable to display an interface and receive by way of entry into the interface information concerning one or more deals from one or more users, the received information identifying a party, a counterparty, and one or more product types of one or more financial products associated with the one or more deals, wherein the one or more deals each comprise comprising a financial transaction that has been agreed to by the party and the counterparty when the information concerning the one or more deals is entered into the interface, and the one or more users are the party or the counterparty to the one or more deals, each product type having a corresponding template with a plurality of data entry fields, each template simplifying entry of information into the interface by assigning a default value to one of the plurality of data entry fields based on the product type and by assigning a default value to one of the plurality of data entry fields based on the received information; and

a deal management computer in communication with the one or more client devices, said

deal management computer being operable to receive from said one or more client devices the information and processes the received information through multiple deal states, the information being routed based on the one or more product types of the one or more financial products associated with the one or more deals.

27. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 26, wherein the one or more financial products include a cash instrument or a derivative instrument.

28. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 27, wherein the one or more product types of the one or more financial products include one or more of the following: swaps, swaptions, caps, floors, FX, and cash.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 26, wherein the one or more users access information concerning the one or more deals during processing of the one or more deals using the interface.

31. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 26, wherein the multiple deal states include states for trade authorization and settlement.

32. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 26, wherein the multiple deal states include (i) DEAL IN PROCESS, (ii) DEAL PENDING TRADE AUTHORIZATION, (iii) DEAL PENDING MIDDLE OFFICE PROCESSING, and (iv) DEAL IN BACK OFFICE.

33. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 26, wherein completion of the one or more deals results in a mature deal or an inactive deal.

34. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 26, wherein the party or the counterparty is a hedge fund.

35. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 26, wherein the party or the counterparty is an investment bank.

36. (Currently Amended): A method, comprising:

receiving from one or more client devices, information concerning one or more deals from one or more users, the received information being entered by the one or more users into an interface displayed by the one or more client devices and identifying a party, a counterparty, and one or more product types of one or more financial products associated with the one or more deals, wherein the one or more deals each comprise a financial transaction that has been agreed to by the party and the counter party when the information concerning the one or more deals is entered into the interface and the one or more users are the party or the counterparty to the one or

more deals, each product type having a corresponding template with a plurality of data entry fields, each template simplifying entry of information into the interface by assigning a default value to one of the plurality of data entry fields based on the product type and by assigning a default value to one of the plurality of data entry fields based on the received information;

communicating the information concerning the one or more deals to a deal management computer-which processes the received information through multiple deal states, the information being routed based on the one or more product types of the one or more financial products associated with the one or more deals.

37. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 36, wherein the one or more financial products include a cash instrument or a derivative instrument.

38. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 37, wherein the one or more product types of the one or more financial products include one or more of the following: swaps, swaptions, caps, floors, FX, and cash.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 36 wherein information concerning the one or more deals is accessed via the interface during processing of the one or more deals.

41. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 36, wherein the multiple deal states include states for trade authorization and settlement.

42. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 36, wherein the multiple deal states include (i) DEAL IN PROCESS, (ii) DEAL PENDING TRADE AUTHORIZATION, (iii) DEAL PENDING MIDDLE OFFICE PROCESSING, and (iv) DEAL IN BACK OFFICE.

43. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 36, wherein completion of the one or more deals results in a mature deal or an inactive deal.

44. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 36, wherein the party or the counterparty is a hedge fund.

45. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 36, wherein the party or the counterparty is an investment bank.

46. (Currently Amended) A computer program product including a computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions that, when executed on a computer, configure the computer to perform a method comprising the steps of:

receiving from one or more client devices, information concerning one or more deals from one or more users, the received information being entered by the one or more users into an

interface displayed by the one or more client devices and identifying a party, a counterparty, and one or more product types of one or more financial products associated with the one or more deals, wherein the one or more deals each comprise a financial transaction that has been agreed to by the party and the counter party when the information concerning the one or more deals is entered into the interface and the one or more users are the party or the counterparty to the one or more deals, each product type having a corresponding template with a plurality of data entry fields, each template simplifying entry of information into the interface by assigning a default value to one of the plurality of data entry fields based on the product type and by assigning a default value to one of the plurality of data entry fields based on the received information;

communicating the captured information concerning the one or more deals to a deal management computer which processes the received information through multiple deal states, the information being routed based on the one or more product types of the one or more financial products associated with the one or more deals.

47. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein the one or more financial products include a cash instrument or a derivative instrument.

48. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 47, wherein the one or more product types of the one or more financial products include one or more of the following: swaps, swaptions, caps, floors, FX, and cash.

49. (Cancelled)

50. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein information concerning the one or more deals is accessed via the interface during processing of the one or more deals.

51. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein the multiple deal states include states for trade authorization and settlement.

52. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein the multiple deal states include (i) DEAL IN PROCESS, (ii) DEAL PENDING TRADE AUTHORIZATION, (iii) DEAL PENDING MIDDLE OFFICE PROCESSING, and (iv) DEAL IN BACK OFFICE.

53. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein completion of the one or more deals results in a mature deal or an inactive deal.

54. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein the party or the counterparty is a hedge fund.

55. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 46, wherein the party or the counterparty is an investment bank.

56. (Previously Presented): The system of claim 26, wherein the deal management computer is further in communication with a plurality of internal systems, each of the plurality of internal systems being configured to process a designated product type, and the information being routed to at least one of the plurality of internal systems.

57. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 36, wherein the deal management computer is further in communication with a plurality of internal systems, each of the plurality of internal systems being configured to process a designated product type, and the information being routed to at least one of the plurality of internal systems.

58. (Previously Presented): The computer program product of claim 46, wherein the deal management computer is further in communication with a plurality of internal systems, each of the plurality of internal systems being configured to process a designated product type, and the information being routed to at least one of the plurality of internal systems.